

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 15:

A1 Referring now to Figure 8, details of the threaded bore 132 on free ends 138 ~~bore~~ are shown. The bore is preferably substantially complementary in form to the threaded shaft of the bolt 110. The bore includes threads T. The thread geometry of the bolt 110 and threads T draw free ends 136 of cup 130 together along arrow D.

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 19:

A2 Figure 17 shows a fractured bone and the device 100 being applied. The fasteners 10 with discs 120 and the cups 130 are located such that the fasteners 10 are located in the bone, but the disc can rotate within clearance 22 as described. Recall the threads 12, 14 axially compress and radially inwardly drawing in the bone. Next the rod ~~138~~ 136 is placed within the slots 134 of the cups 130.

Kindly replace the abstract paragraph:

A3 An orthopedic stabilization structure including a threaded fastener capable of articulation to accommodate various skeletal geometries, a rod, and a cup supporting ~~said~~ the threaded fastener and ~~said~~ the rod to be subsequently held in fixed position with respect to the skeletal structure.